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BIG CANOE Chapel

Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 18, 2016

Trustees Present:

Darryl Anderson ('17)	Dick Girdler ('18)
Jerry Capps ('16) (by phone)	Fred Gregg ('16)
Lynn Burns ('16) (by phone)	Jean James ('18)
Win Cates ('17)	Lynne Knapp ('17)
Gary Cherry ('16)	David Thompson ('18)
Lynn Cooper ('17)	Charley Vick ('17)
Jeff Dodson ('16)	Laura Walker ('18)

Trustee(s) Absent:

Roger Estill ('18)

Other(s) Present:

Roger Mosshart, Treasurer
Rev. Len Walker, Sr. Chaplain
Susan Dean, Co-Chair, Finance Ctee

Committees Present

Scholarship & Education Members

Bill Gibson, Chair	Ellen Finley
Bill Holyoak, Presenter	Ann Tinkler
Larry Applewhite	Bill Tinkler
Sandra Applewhite	

Family Promise Study Group

Randy Case
Bob Cooper
Lassie Dye
Steve Shelnett
Jack Stirzaker

The meeting of the Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair, Fred Gregg. The quorum was established.

Win Cates offered a moving devotional, "Doing the Right Thing", inspired by the January 15 entry from In the Cool of the Evening, by Dr. Vernon Broyles. This devotional emphasized a number of things to consider when making difficult decisions such as seeking God's guidance through the Holy Spirit, being sure our decisions help and not hurt others, and doing all things to the glory of God.

Rev. Len Walker then gave the opening prayer asking that all we said and did in the meeting would bring honor and glory to God.

A motion to accept the minutes of the December, 14, 2015 Trustee Meeting with minor revision was made by Dick Girdler and seconded by Charley Vick. The motion passed without dissent including Jerry Capps. Lynn Burns had not yet joined the meeting by phone. David Thompson abstained, having been absent from the December meeting.

In the **Chaplain's Remarks**, Len Walker commented that the Wednesday night programs have commenced. Lamar Helms will lead the Christian Believer study group, Len Walker will lead a group Experiencing God, and Teri Sawyer will lead a high school Bible study group. There will also be a Vesper service. Rev. Walker noted that these activities are well attended. He added that we are quickly approaching the Mission Conference as well as the Easter season. A Seder meal is planned for Maundy Thursday, appropriately hosted by a Jewish hostess, Stacy Guidice.

There were no comments from congregational [IC1]members other than those already placed on the agenda.

The **Financial Report** was given by Roger Mosshart. He stated that overall financially 2015 was "a decent year, neither good nor bad". Total revenue was under budget by \$26K as a result of shortfalls in contributions and investment income. However, the under expenditure of the operating budget nearly offset the under realization of revenue. The combination of these two factors required that the allocation to Outreach be under budget by only \$5K, "a rather insignificant amount on a \$422K budget".

Fred Gregg also presented a **2015 estimate of supplemental outreach contributions**, which totaled \$569,181 (see attached). Dick Girdler questioned the amount estimated from the Men's Fellowship and this was clarified to be the net of overhead. Jean James commented that the estimate did not include the Christmas Blessings Ministry. It was decided that Bill Holyoak would contact Blossom Holyoak to attempt to capture an estimate of monies spent on this ministry, though estimating an expenditure of \$50 per child this will likely underestimate the actual amount spent. Next year the Co-chairs of Christmas Blessings will attempt to calculate a more exact amount of expenditures. A motion was made by Charley Vick to accept the Financial Report, it was seconded by Lynne Knapp, and passed without dissent.

At this point Lynn Burns was contacted by phone to participate in the meeting.

On behalf of the Scholarship and Education Committee, Bill Holyoak presented a **proposal to redirect the Housing Allowance currently paid to Jimmy Allen** to a Scholarship Fund in his honor (see attached). He commented that this proposal was set forth by the Scholarship and Education Committee following their notification that their monies had been reduced from 25% to 20% of Outreach funds. After outlining the points included in the attachment, Bill Holyoak concluded that "While Jimmy Allen was a beloved pastor and did quite a lot for Big Canoe Chapel, he has thus far been paid \$502,000. We are suggesting that further payment of those funds be placed into scholarships to carry on his legacy."

Susan Dean, Co-Chairwoman of the Finance Committee stated that the only concern that she had with this proposal was that it would once again lock in monies long-term, so that it would be difficult to change this down the road should future Trustees deem it to be advisable to do so.

Ellen Finley commented that the Scholarship and Education Committee presented this proposal as a suggestion, not a mandate, and that the committee was open to alteration. Other members of the Scholarship and Education Committee commented that it was a mistake to fund foreign missions when there was so much need in our immediate area. Bill Gibson, Chair of the

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as six conditions can be met (these are listed in the attachment). This motion was seconded by Charley Vick. The Board then discussed the issue of Big Canoe Chapel becoming a Host Church and asked members of the Study Committee a number of questions. Fred Gregg asked if there were any problem housing individuals in the Chapel from a code perspective. There was also concern for security issues and reaffirming the need to work closely with the POA. It was proposed that Family Promise be part of the Benevolence Committee. The estimated cost of Family Promise would be \$3000 - \$4000 a year. Bob Cooper, Chair of the Benevolence Committee, reported that as of now this expenditure would not be a problem. Jean James wanted clarification if the \$1000 contribution to Family Promise in 2017 (proposed in one of the six conditions) would be made even if the Chapel was not a Host Church and Win Cates indicated that he thought this would be the case as long as Family Promise was still a viable organization in Dawson County. It was also clarified that Host Churches commit only for a year at a time and that if the Chapel wanted to cease becoming a Host Church this could happen after a year. As there were further questions a vote was taken and the Board voted unanimously for the Chapel to Become a Host Church once the six conditions were met.

Charley Vick reported that the Committee on Committees has appointed the **Trustee Selection Committee**. This committee will work hard to educate the congregation that the ballot on which they write candidates' names is a write-in ballot and constitutes their vote for the next Trustees. It was also noted that before writing in persons' names they persons should be approached to be sure they are willing to serve as Trustees. The **2016 Selection Committee Members are:** Barbara Moore (Women's Guild); Fran Farias (Choirs), Anne Youmans (Fellowship lass), Steve Steinberg (Grace Walk Class), Tom Greene (Men's Fellowship), Bob Vaughn (General Membership), and someone to be named to represent Young Families¹.

Fred Gregg handed out announcements regarding the **Leadership Big Canoe Volunteer Fair** and asked all liaisons to be sure their committees knew about this opportunity to solicit volunteers. He also commented that liaisons should make sure their committees were aware of their budgets for 2016. He added that **any expenditure outside the budget or any single expenditure greater than \$1000 required approval by the Board.**

There being no other business, Lynne Knapp moved to adjourn the open session, This was seconded by Dick Girdler and passed without dissent.

Len Walker closed the meeting with a prayer that we entrust all the decisions made in the meeting to God; if any mistakes were made that He redeem them and where our actions were pleasing would they be to His glory.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Cooper

Assistant Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report of Chapel Operations & Outreach at Year-End 2015
Family Promise Study Group Report & Recommendation
Scholarship Committee Proposal
Note 1. Selection Committee revised February 2, 2016 (attached)